



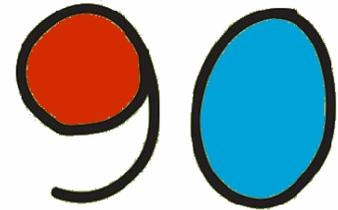
# St Mary's Church, Houghton-on-the-Hill, Norfolk December 2019



**A very Happy Christmas and Best Wishes for 2020 to all our Friends and Followers**

90 and still keeping an eye on St.Mary's!

Bob not only received a letter of thanks for all of his work from Prince Charles but also celebrated his 90th birthday with a small family party in April. Despite his years he still takes an active interest in the church and keeps us on our toes.



We have had quite a busy and successful year.

First we were fortunate enough to be granted funds to have the paintings monitored. They are in good condition, although a little dusty and will need to be cleaned by a professional over the next couple of years.

This means that we can hold some events over the Summer months in the church and we have been fortunate enough to hold several small concerts. We have also had musicians come to be inspired by the church to compose music for a collection about Peddars Way.

See more photos on our Facebook page.

We already have concerts planned for 2020. An events schedule will be posted in early 2020 on Facebook and on our website: [www.houghtonstmarys.co.uk](http://www.houghtonstmarys.co.uk).

Something different. A family walking Peddars Way asked if they could camp for a night on the mound. With a little trepidation this was agreed and the family really enjoyed the experience.



In August we featured in the KL magazine. This brought in many visitors over the late Summer months. We are very grateful to both the magazine and those who read the article and came to see us.

The trustees are working towards finding the right path for our future. The Diocese has agreed to commission a Church Buildings Council report which will help us move forward. Meanwhile we are also organising different ways of donation in these days of a cashless society.

You will be able keep up to date on Facebook and on our website.